

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A picture display system comprising:
 - a first display device; [[,]]
 - a second display device; [[, and]]
 - a base device for supplying a plurality of picture signals to at least one of the first display device or the second display device; and [[,]]
 - an external input device for supplying the plurality of picture signals to the base device, wherein:
 - the first display device includes a picture display unit for displaying [[the]] a first picture signal supplied from the base device signals;
 - the second display device includes:
 - a display unit for displaying a second picture signal supplied from the base device and transparent display information for operation, the display information for operation including:
 - a base device selection button; and
 - a plurality of additional buttons for switching image modes and accepting an operating input from a user ; [[,]]
 - an operating input accepting means for accepting [[an]] the operating input from [[a]] the user ; [[,]]

an operating signal generating means for generating operating signals conforming to display items of the display information for operation as specified by the operating input accepting means; [[,]]

an interlock/non-interlock function for selecting whether the first picture signal signals supplied to the first display device should be switched to a third picture signal supplied from the base device in response to a switch for the second display device from the second picture signal to the third picture signal; ~~in association with display contents of the display information for operation~~; and

a communication means for transmitting the operating signals to the base device; and

the base device includes:

a picture signal outputting means for outputting the picture signals to at least one of the first display device or the second display device; [[,]]

a communication means for receiving the operating signals from at least the second display device; [[,]]

an external input device connecting means for connecting the base device to [[an]] the external input device as a source of the picture signals; [[,]] and

a control signal transmitting means for transmitting an external input device control signal to the external input device and controlling the external input device based on the operating signals signal.

2. (Previously Presented) The picture display system according to claim 1, wherein

the operating input accepting means of the second display device includes a contact position detection means for detecting a contact position on a display surface of the display unit; and

the operating signal generating means generates an operating signal conforming to a display item of the display information for operation displayed at a contact position on the display image surface detected by the contact position detection means.

3. (Currently Amended) The picture display system according to claim 1, wherein the communication means of the base device transmits a response signal to ~~[[the]]~~ an operating signal to the second display device; and the communication means of the second display device receives the response signal.

4. (Currently Amended) The picture display system according to claim 1, wherein the base device further includes a tuner means and sends the picture signals selected by the tuner means, based on the operating signals ~~signal~~ via the picture signal outputting means, to the first display device.

5. (Previously Presented) The picture display system according to claim 1, wherein

the first display device further includes a tuner means and displays picture signals selected by the tuner means, based on an operating signal from the base device, on the picture display unit.

6. (Previously Presented) The picture display system according to claim 1,
wherein

the control signal transmitting means of the base device transmits the external
input device control signal for the external input device over a wireless route.

7. (Previously Presented) The picture display system according to claim 6,
wherein

the control signal transmitting means of the base device converts the external
input device control signal, transmitted over the wireless path, into infrared signals,
which are output.

8. (Previously Presented) The picture display system according to claim 1,
wherein

the base device further includes a receiving means connected to a
communication network for receiving information signals transmitted through the
communication network, and a transmission control means for controlling the
transmission of the information signals to a specified display device.

9. (Currently Amended) The picture display system according to claim 1, wherein
the base device further includes transmission information transmitting means that
sends ~~[[the]]~~ transmission information over ~~[[the]]~~ a communication network to a target
counterpart.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) The picture display system according to claim 1,
wherein

the external input device connecting means is connected, via an amplifier, to the
external input device as ~~[[a]]~~ the source of supply of the image signals.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) A picture displaying method of a picture display system
including a first display device including a picture display unit for displaying a first
picture signal, a second display device including a display unit for displaying a second
picture signal, ~~[[and]]~~ a base device for supplying a plurality of picture signals to at least
one of the first display device or the second display device, and an external input device
for supplying the plurality of picture signals to the base device, the method comprising:

accepting an operating input from a user based on display information
transparently displayed on a display image surface of the second display device, the
display information including:

a base device selection button; ~~[[and]]~~

a plurality of additional buttons for switching image modes; and

an interlock/non-interlock function for selecting whether the first picture
signal signals supplied to the first display device should be switched to a third picture

signal supplied from the base device in response to a switch for the second display device from the second picture signal to the third picture signal in association with display contents of the display information for operation;

generating an operating signal conforming to the operating input;

transmitting the operating signal to the base device via bidirectional communication means exchanging signals between the second display device and the base device; and

controlling ~~[[an]]~~ the external input device as a supply source of the picture signals based on the operating signal.

14. (Previously Presented) The picture displaying method according to claim 13, further comprising:

controlling a tuner of the base device by the operating signal; and

displaying picture signals, selected by the operating signal, on the first display device.

15. (Previously Presented) The picture displaying method according to claim 13, further comprising:

controlling a tuner of the base device by the operating signal; and

displaying picture signals, selected by the operating signal, by the picture display unit.

16. (Previously Presented) The picture displaying method according to claim 13, further comprising:

receiving information signals coupled to a communication network and transmitted over the communication network; and

managing control so that the information signals are transmitted to the specified display device.

17. (Currently Amended) The picture displaying method according to claim 13, further comprising:

transmitting ~~[[the]]~~ transmission information, over ~~[[the]]~~ a communication network, to ~~[[the]]~~ a target counterpart.

18. (Currently Amended) A display apparatus comprising:

a communication means for:

exchanging signals with a base device connected to an external input device as a supply source of a plurality of picture signals; and ~~[[for]]~~

supplying preset picture signals to at least one picture display device;

a display means for:

displaying a first picture signal and transparent display information for operation; and

accepting an operating input from a user,

the display information for operation including:

a base device selection button; ~~[[and]]~~

a plurality of additional buttons for switching image modes; and
an interlock/non-interlock function for selecting whether ~~[[the]]~~ a
second picture signal ~~signals~~ supplied to a first display device should be switched to a
third picture signal supplied from the base device in response to a switch for the display
means from displaying the first picture signal to displaying the third picture signal in
~~association with display contents of display information for operation;~~

an operating input accepting means for accepting the operating input from ~~[[a]]~~
the user; and

an operating signal generating means for generating an operating signal
conforming to the operating input; wherein

the operating signal is sent over the communication means to the base device
and the base device sends a preset image signal from the external input device to the
picture display device for display.

19. (Currently Amended) The display apparatus according to claim 18, wherein
the operating input accepting means includes a contact position detection means
provided on a display image surface of the display ~~[[unit]]~~ means for detecting a contact
position on the display image surface; and

the operating signal generating means generates an operating signal, displayed
at a contact position on the display image surface detected by the contact position
detection means, conforming to a display item of the display information for operation.

20. (Currently Amended) The picture display system according to claim 1,
wherein
the display information for operation includes a switching button, and
the picture signal outputting means switches the picture signals when the
switching button is activated.